

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

April 22, 2002

The Honorable,  
The Board of Commissioners of Cook County

## ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Hansen, Vice Chairman Lechowicz, Commissioners Collins, Daley, Moran, Schumann, and Sutker (7)

Absent: Commissioners Silvestri and Sims (2)

Also Present: Commissioners Butler and Quigley; Eugene Barnes, Barnes and Associates- Springfield lobbyist for the Cook County President; Steve Morrill, Morrill and Associates- lobbyists for the Cook County Board; Deborah Stone, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs- Cook County President's Office; Terry Steczo, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs-Cook County Assessor's Office; Gary Ryczyn, Director of Elections and Mike Kreloff, Director of Policy and Communications-Clerk's Office; and Camella Gardner, Assistant State's Attorney, Cook County State's Attorney's Office.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Legislation & Intergovernmental Relations of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County met pursuant to notice on Monday, April 22, 2002 at the hour of 11:00 AM in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Your Committee has considered the following items and upon adoption of this report, the recommendations are as follows:

The Chairman called on the Board's lobbyist in Springfield, Steve Morrill, who gave a brief status report and answered questions on the following items.

242952 NORWOOD PARK STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT (APPOINTMENT). Transmitting a Communication dated, April 17, 2001: from John H. Stroger, Jr., President, Cook County Board of Commissioners:

I hereby appoint **LOUIS H. PALLO** to fill the vacancy at the Norwood Park Street Lighting District for a term to begin immediately and expire May 4, 2004.

I submit this communication for your ~~information~~ approval.

**Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Schumann, moved the approval of Communication No. 242952. The motion carried.**

249592 JUSTICE WILLOW SPRINGS WATER COMMISSION (APPOINTMENT).  
Transmitting a Communication from John H. Stroger, Jr., President, Cook County  
Board of Commissioners:

I hereby appoint Mr. **SEAN McDERMOTT** to the Justice Willow Springs Water  
Commission to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Ed King, for a term to begin immediately and  
expire on April 1, 2002.

I submit this communication for your approval.

**Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Schumann, moved to Receive and File  
Communication No. 249592. The motion carried**

**Cook County Assessor**

**SB 1706** (Walsh T/Brosnahan) Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Changes the exemption from  
the Act's inspection and copying requirements for computer graphic systems to an exemption for  
computer geographic systems.

**Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Schumann, moved to recommend support of  
SB 1706. The motion carried.**

**Cook County Public Guardian**

**SB 1949** (Roskam/Hultgren) – Amends the Probate Act to provide that the court may discharge the  
public guardian of a disabled adult under certain circumstances and transfer the guardianship to the  
State guardian. Provides for court affidavits and reasonable fees.

Deborah Stone, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs stated the President's opposition to SB 1949  
because of possible fiscal constraints being placed on the county.

Vice Chairman Lechowicz asked if there are any federal lawsuits pending in connection with  
overcrowding at the Department of Corrections.

Chairman Hansen responded that the Duran case is still pending in the federal courts. The chairman  
further commented that SB 1949 may burden county taxpayers no matter how commendable the  
project.

**Commissioner Sutker, seconded by Commissioner Schumann moved to Receive and File SB  
1949. The motion carried.**

**Cook County Sheriff**

**HB 1961** (Dart/Radogno) – Provides that the Sheriff, with the approval of the County Board, may  
operate a residential and transition treatment program for women established by the Department of  
Corrections.

**Commissioner Daley requested a Roll Call vote to Receive and File HB 1961. The yeas and nays  
being as follows:**

**Yeas: Chairman Hansen, Vice Chairman Lechowicz, Commissioners Daley and Schumann (4)**

**Nays: Commissioners Collins and Sutker (2)**

**Absent: Commissioners Moran, Silvestri and Sims (3)**

**The Roll Call vote to Receive and File HB 1961 carried.**

**Cook County State's Attorney**

**HB 5140** (Lyons-E/Radogno) – Provides that the Department of Public Aid shall delegate to the State's Attorney responsibility with respect to child support parentage establishment, support establishment, medical support establishment, support modification, and support enforcement,. Authorizes the Department of Public Aid to contract for management of child support services in counties where the State's Attorney is not operating such a program.

Chairman Hansen observed the county's concern over the question of funding such a program.

**Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Collins moved to Receive and File HB 5140. The motion carried.**

**Cook County Treasurer**

**SB 1666** (Cullerton/Biggins) – Provides that when the county collector discovers that a tax sale should not have occurred, he or she shall notify the tax purchaser or subsequent holder of a certificate of purchase of intent to declare an administrative sale in error. Also provides for a registry of owners of certificate of purchase to be maintained by the county clerk.

**Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sutker moved to recommend support of SB 1666. The motion carried.**

**SB 1668** (Cullerton/Hamos) – Provides that, in provisions requiring a person to deposit with the county collector a letter of credit or other unconditional bond in an amount not less than 1.5 times the amount of any tax or special assessment due upon property the person intends to purchase at a tax sale, that in no event shall the letter of credit or other unconditional bond be in an amount less than \$1,000.

**Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sutker moved to recommend support of SB 1668. The motion carried.**

**SB 2074** (Viverito/Currie) – Provides that the clerk of the court may add a delinquency amount fee to the unpaid fines and unpaid costs of conviction.

**Commissioner Sutker, seconded by Commissioner Schumann moved to recommend support of SB 2074. The motion carried.**

**Criminal Law and Court Administration**

**HB 3717** (Daniels/Dillard) and **SB 2024** (Dillard/Daniels) – Permits the State Police to require the submission of saliva or tissue specimens as well as blood specimens for analysis and categorizing into genetic marker groupings.

Chairman Hansen asked under what circumstances would these bills apply?

Steve Morrill stated that they would apply following conviction.

Commissioner Collins also raised the question of the constitutionality of the bills.

Chairman Hansen commented that any amendment should include the state's responsibility for any costs.

**Commissioner Schumann, seconded by Commissioner Daley moved to recommend support of HB 3717. The motion carried.**

**HB 4103** (Howard/DeLeo) – Creates an Ex-Offenders Employment Program through the Illinois Department of Employment Security.

**Commissioner Sutker, seconded by Commissioner Collins moved to recommend support of HB 4103. The motion carried.**

### **Elections**

**SB 1732** (Dudycz/Saviano) – Requires the State Board of Elections and the Secretary of State to post certain voter registration information on their World Wide Web sites. Also provides that in Cook County, in a political party with a State central committee elected during the spring primary (Alternative A), a county central committee chairman taking office after the bill's effective date need not be a member of the committee.

**Commissioner Sutker, seconded by Commissioner Collins moved to Receive and File SB 1732. The motion carried.**

### **Public Health**

**SB 1849** (Walsh-T/Saviano) – Shell bill for "Fairness in Health Care Services Contracting" concerning contracts between health care providers and insurers. Draft versions of amendments to this legislation have an estimated fiscal impact to the County of more than \$20 million.

**Commissioner Sutker, seconded by Commissioner Collins moved to Receive and File SB 1849. The motion carried.**

### **Home Rule Preemption**

**SB 2155** (Burzynski/Bost) – Exempts off-road riding facilities from criminal liability due to noise emissions.

**Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Schumann moved to recommend opposition to SB 2155. The motion carried.**

### **Quick-Take**

**SB 2294** (Klemm/Hannig) – Specifies various actions that must be completed before a unit of local government may secure passage of quick-take authority from the General Assembly (similar to SB 550 and SR 41 from last year.)

**Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Schumann moved to Receive and File SB 2294. The motion carried.**

**Zoning and Building**

**HB 4023** (Slone/Rauschenberger) – Creates the Local Planning Technical Assistance Act to require the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs to promote sensible planning and allows the Department to make grants to counties and municipalities to implement sensible planning programs.

Chairman Hansen asked if the phrase “sensible planning programs” is defined in the bill?

Steve Morrill responded that the phrase is not defined in the bill.

**Commissioner Schumann, seconded by Commissioner Daley moved to recommend support of HB 4023. The motion carried.**

**HB 5647** (Lyons-E/McCarthy) – Amends the Election Code. In counties with less than 500,000 population, removes the authority to accept voter registration on the 28<sup>th</sup> day before the general election if that 28<sup>th</sup> day is not designated for precinct registration. Effective immediately.

**Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sutker moved to recommend support of HB 5647. The motion carried.**

**HB 5646** (Lyons-E/McCarthy) – Authorizes election authorities to use in-precinct automatic vote tabulating equipment. Establishes procedures for the use of that equipment. Requires that if the equipment is used, a voter must insert the ballot into the equipment unless the voter is otherwise entitled to assistance in marking his or her ballot. Requires that the equipment have voting defect identification capability that returns to the voter a ballot with a voting defect. Defines a voting defect as an over-voted ballot or a ballot that cannot be read by the automatic tabulating equipment. Effective immediately.

**Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sutker moved to recommend opposition to HB 5646. The motion carried.**

**Commissioner Daley moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice Chairman Lechowicz. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Committee on Legislation &  
Intergovernmental Relations

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Carl R. Hansen, Chairman

Attest:

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Sandra K. Williams, Secretary